



COMPETITION BY - LAWS

MANAGEMENT

1. Should The Committee obtain information that the By-laws governing a competition have not been complied with, they can order an inquiry if necessary, of which all principles and witnesses shall get fourteen days notice in writing. When, after due consideration, The Committee, if satisfied that the aforesaid By-laws have not been complied with, they may penalise the competitor(s). Should a dispute arise about the interpretation of the Club's By-laws, such By-laws in dispute shall be referred to The Committee, whose determination shall be final.
2. The Clubs "Competition Fish Sizes and Bag Limits" document forms part of the Competition By - Laws.

COMPETITION AGE CATEGORIES

3. Juniors 12 - 17 years
- Seniors 18 - 54 years (Division 1 & 2)
- Veterans 55 + years (Division 1 & 2)

FISHING GEAR LIMITS

4. Fish shall only be taken by rod and line between the allocated times for a competition. A competitor may use a landing net or gaff to land their fish after it has been hooked. They shall not receive assistance of any kind in casting, hooking or playing, but may call for assistance in landing or gaffing their fish.
5. It is permissible to use two rods with up to 3 hooks per rod. Hand lines are not permitted.
6. Multiple Hooks. Providing a gang of up to 5 hooks has one eye, it shall be classed as one hook. When there is more than one eye it shall be classed as an extra hook for each eye.
7. Lures and squid jags may be used if they conform to hook limits.
8. Berleying is allowed in club competitions.
9. 3 Kg. Line or less, Sea and River. Light line fishing is defined as the single application of line constructed as per the following; (1) backing line joined to the light line may be applied to the spool as pre fill, (2) minimum length of light line at all times is 50 metres of 3 Kg or less breaking strain and (3) a trace of any breaking strain may be used but must not exceed 1 metre in length.
10. Fish bags of the fibreglass weave, onion, plastic derivative or other similar types are prohibited for weigh-in purposes. Every member must have their own fish bag or bucket to keep their own fish in during the competition and present for weigh in. The sharing of bags or buckets is prohibited.

VEHICLE USE

11. No competitor to accept lifts, rides, etc, during the period of competition unless in cases of emergency. All incidents will be scrutineered by The Committee.
12. All late arrivals must report themselves to the Secretary or their appointee at the earliest convenience for the purpose of registering and payment of nomination fee for that competition.
13. On any club competition where private vehicles are used, they are not to be used to gain an advantage over bus conveyed competitors. The use of the bus to gain advantages over competitors is also not permitted.

VEHICLE USE cont'd

14. Walking between drop off points is allowed.

WEIGHING - IN

15. On multiple venue trips, each “drop off point” by bus will have its “own time specified” for the "pick up" of competitors. Competitors, all their equipment and their weigh-in bag must return to a “drop off point” by the “specified time” for that “drop off point”.
16. At the commencement of each competition, a time and place shall be specified for the last opportunity for bags to be presented for weighing of fish. Competitors, all their equipment and their weigh-in bag must return before the appointed time.
17. On all club competitions, fish caught and presented for weigh-in shall be of legal club length, clean and de-barbed as stated in the Clubs Competition Fish Sizes and Bag Limits document.
18. Competitors may if they wish, measure fish at the place of weigh-in on the official club ruler to verify official club length prior to placing it in the weigh-in area. Once a bag has been placed in the weigh-in area by the competitor, it shall remain and is now considered presented for weighing by the weigh-in stewards.
19. All bags of fish presented for weigh-in will be recorded.

GENERAL

20. The Committee may increase the minimum legal lengths of specific species of fish at its discretion. All competitors shall measure their fish at its place of capture and, if undersized, return it to the water alive.
21. At each competition the Club Captain or their appointee shall manage the By-laws of the Club as well as fulfilling the role of Time Keeper and Overseer. Infringements of the Competition By-laws brought to the attention of the Club Captain shall be noted and referred to The Committee for adjudication.
22. Members of The Committee shall fulfil the roles of Clerk Of Scales. The club Secretary or their appointee shall be the Recorder.
23. Respect among competitors where fishing grounds are concerned during competition should prevail. Infringements and incidents should be reported to the Club Captain or their appointee on the day of the competition.
24. The minimum age for club trip attendance is 11 years.

SAFETY

25. On any club competition, no recreational swimming to be allowed by any club member or visitor.
26. On any saltwater club competition where rock fishing is encountered all Juniors with the parents / guardians permission must be supervised by a Senior or Veteran with their permission. A Senior or Veteran can only be responsible for two Juniors at any one time.
27. All visitors will abide by the Clubs Competition By - laws.

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